(c) As on 1.4.2002, the market share of OMCs in LPG distribution, at all India level, was as under:

Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.	—	50.4%
Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.	—	24.5%
Hindustan Petroleum Corporatron Ltd.	—	24.9%
IBP Co. Ltd.	—	0.2%

Diversion of CNG to Transport Sector

1467. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA : Will the Minister of PETRO LEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether diversion of Compressed Natural Gas to meet the Capital's transport demand has led to ciosure of severai industries and lay off of 1500 workers in the National Capitai Region;

(b) whether this has been done in response to a Supreme Court Order in April, 2002 to the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) to augment its supply of CNG from one to two mmscmd per day solely for the use of transport sector; and

(c) If so, what are Government's views on this and the action taken to compensate the affected industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) :(a) to (c) The Supreme Court of India vide its Orders dated 5.4.2002 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 13029/85—MC Mehta V/s Union of India and other had directed to allocate and make avaiiable 16.1. lakh KG per day (2 MMSCMD) of CNG in the National Capital Territory of Delhi by June 30, 2002 for use by the Transport Sector. In order to comply with the above orders of the Supreme Court Government have allocated 2 MMSCMD of gas to Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) for CNG purposes by cutting supplies of the consumers having fall-back allocations along HBJ including industries in and around Delhi. As per the terms of the contract between GAIL and consumers concerned the fall-back supplies are purely on temporary basis subject to availability of natural gas and the consumers have to maintain duel fuel facilities. Therefore, question of paying any compensation does not arise.

Identification of Gas Reserves in the Country

1468. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some private and public sector companies have been able to strike gas in various explorations;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the quantum of gas struck individually;

(c) whether Government plan to export LPG gas in view of getting satisfactory reserves of gas; and

(d) if so, by when it will be allowed for exports

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has established 21 gas finds during the Ninth Plan period (1997-2002) estimated to con tain 14.17 Billion Cubic Metres (BCM) of ultimate gas reserves as on 1.4.2002. During the same period, Oil India Ltd. established 6 non-associated gas fields estimated to contain about 2.8 BCM of ultimate gas reserves. Further, during this period private/joint venture compa nies also reported three gas discoveries. The gas reserves from these are estimated to be 18.08 BCM. Additionally, some more gas associ ated with oil has also been discovered during the period.

In 2002-03 some recent discoveries have been reported by the consortium of Reliance Industries Ltd. and Niko resources Ltd., Canada (NIKO) in Krishna-Godavari basin offshore and by NIKO in Cambay basin onland in the State of Gujarat. While detailed estimation of gas reserves from these discoveries has not been made by the operators, the preliminary in-place gas is estimated by them to be 7 Trillion Cubic Feet (TCF) and 10-80 Billion Cubic Feet (BCF) in blocks KG-DWN-98/3 and CB-ONN-2000/2 respectively.

(c) Any assessment of surplus or deficit in LPG in view of these discoveries would be premature at this stage.

(d) Government have permitted Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOC) to export only imported LPG to SAARC countries as long as it does not impact upon the domestic demand.

Development of Mangalore Refinery*

1469. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA : Will the Minister of PETRO-LEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether ONGC has any plan to develop Managalore refinery to utilize its full capacity;

(b) if so, the details of the present utilization of the refinery;

(c) whether any target has been set for full utilization of capacity of Managalore refinery; and